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Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" With reference to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) of this question, may I enquire, Sir, what facility or aid Government will give to the villagers to penetrate into the impenetrable forests for shooting wild animals ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" The villagers must clear a way for themselves, if necessary."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—" Of what use is a gun licence if the holders cannot enter the forests at all ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" This concession has been given as an experiment and, if the experiment fails, the concession will be withdrawn."

Education

Number of elementary schools inspected in each district and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by inspecting officers.

* 223 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing districtwar the number of elementary schools inspected and the amount of travelling allowance drawn by the various District Educational Officers of the province in each of the years 1927–28 and 1928–29 ?

A.—The Government do not consider that any useful purpose will be served by collecting the information which would involve considerable labour.

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I ask if it is difficult to collect information regarding the travelling allowance drawn by the inspecting officers ? "

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—" I believe so."

Fee concessions and scholarships to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras.

* 224 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to the recent budget debate on a cut motion by Mr. D. Thomas in the Legislative Council (L.C.P. XLVIII, page 769) regarding fee concessions and scholarships to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the House a statement of the various orders passed during the last five years as to the rights of Indian Christian Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras to scholarships and concessions in regard to school fees which are allowed to Adi-Dravidas and Adi-Andhras in general both before and after that debate ; and

(ii) to state, with reference to the remarks in his speech in conclusion of the abovementioned debate, whether any and what special scholarships and concession fees are granted to Indian Christians as a body ?

A.—Copies of the following Government Orders are placed on the table of the House [a]—

G.O. No. 855, Education, dated 19th May 1925,
" 117, Law (General), dated 12th January 1926,
" 1705, Education, dated 5th September 1927, and
" 1015, Education, dated 10th May 1929.

No special concessions are admissible to Indian Christians as a body as they form one of the most educationally advanced communities.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 572–574 infra.